

PRESIDENT: Motion is to advance the bill. Senator Johnson, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I really do have a question of Senator Barrett. I read this bill very quickly, Senator Barrett, and I just was not able to understand any rationale for increasing the statute of limitations from two to three years. Does the Department of Labor have some cases that they're slow to file on or something like that? I just was curious about it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes, this bill came to us from the Department of Labor, Senator Johnson. It was their feeling they needed a little more time, a very simple request.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I don't have any problems with the bill, but I hope you'll pay attention to what's happening. Now here we have a case where the government wants to sue an individual and we're saying extend the statute of limitations from two years to three years so that the government has a better shot at the individual. You're going to see coming around to you out of the Judiciary Committee, not my bill, somebody else's bill, that proposes to allow the citizen to sue the cities for two years instead of one year. I'm just asking you to think about whether the individual shouldn't have the same shot at government that government has at the individual. So remember today you're extending the statute of limitations from two years to three years and remember that in the future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Was there further discussion? Senator Hoagland, you may close. I'm sorry, Senator Barrett, I'll let you close if you wish.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President. I simply ask that the bill be moved, please, advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Very well. All those in favor of advancing LB 340 from General File vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have